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SUBJECT: JOSHUA NKOMO VISITS JAMAICA

1. CO-LEADER OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT JOSHUA NKOMO
STOPPED IN JAMAICA JULY 31-AUGUST 2 AFTER ATTENDING THE
WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA. HIS VISIT HAS BEEN RATHER
LOW-KEY -- ACCORDING TO THE PRESS HE HAS ONLY TALKED TO ONE
JUNIOR MINISTER HERE, ARNOLD BERTRAM (INFORMATION AND
CULTURE).

2. IN AN AUGUST 1 PRESS CONFERENCE NKOMO PREDICTED THAT
THE WAR IN ZIMBABWE WOULD BE OVER IN TEN MONTHS BECAUSE
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"THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL HAVE FINISHED THE JOB."
OTHER POINTS HE MADE, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY GLEANER
(NEWSPAPER):

-- FIGHTING IS TAKING PLACE ALL OVER RHODESIA,
INCLUDING THE TOWNS AND SALISBURY. ABOUT 95
PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY IS REGARDED AS THE "OPERATIONAL

AREA."

-- THE STRUGGLE IS NOT AGAINST SMITH, BUT AGAINST AN
EVIL SYSTEM.

-- THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS REJECTED THE INTERNAL SOLUTION
BECAUSE THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WOULD BE ELECTED ON
A RACIAL BASIS. "IT COULD NOT DO TO ENTRENCH RACISM
IN OUR CONSTITUTION. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN
FIGHTING FOR." ALSO, THE MINORITY 28 MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT WOULD REMAIN IN CONTROL OF THE CIVIL
SERVICE AND POLICE, THUS THE WHITE MINORITY WOULD
REMAIN IN CHARGE OF THE SYSTEM FOR "AT LEAST THE
NEXT TEN YEARS."

-- THERE WOULD BE NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WHITES BY THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT. "WE SEE PEOPLE AS PEOPLE, NO MATTER
WHAT THE COLOUR OF THEIR SKINS, THE COLOUR OF THEIR EYES,
OR THE TEXTURE OF THEIR HAIR."

-- BRITAIN AND THE US ARE TRYING TO FOSTER THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF "PUPPETS" AS GOVERNMENTS IN NAMIBIA
AND RHODESIA. IT HAD BEEN CONCEDED THAT ANGOLA AND
MOZAMBIQUE HAD BEEN LOST TO THE WEST. BRITAIN AND
THE US WERE THEREFORE NOW STRIVING TO RETAIN WESTERN
INFLUENCE IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

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